

Elko Television District

Board Meeting Minutes, October 12th, 2023

6:00 p.m. at the Elko County Court House

Board Members:

Present: Steve Guitar, Kent LeBarts, Charles Schaer, and Rick Jimenez

Absent: Dale Lotspeich

Others Present: Cenni Jimenez representing Premier Wireless, Paden Hilyard representing Eagle Communications, Crystal Koppe representing Koppe Co., and Marisa Reeves representing McMullen, McPhee & Co., LLC

Proceedings

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Steve Guitar

Public Comment: None

Approval of the Minutes September 14th, 2023 Meeting

Kent LeBarts moved to accept the minutes from the September 14th, 2023 meeting. Charles Schaer seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous.

Approval of the Treasurer's Report and List of Currently Approved Capital Projects

Marisa read the treasurer's report and discussed the total amount of potential capital projects, totaling just under the budgeted amount for 2024. Kent LeBarts moved to accept the Treasurer's report as written. Charles Schaer seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous.

Approval & Ratification of Outstanding Bills for payment

Kent LeBarts read aloud the outstanding and ratified bills. Marisa noted the additional invoice from Premier Wireless for the Grindstone Tower excavation. Charles Schaer moved to accept the outstanding and ratified bills as read. Kent LeBarts seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous.

Review and Possible Approval of Updates to Contracts

Steve just signed the City of Elko Fire contract.

Eureka County TV District MOU, CC Communications Leasing Space at Fiber Hut, Anthem Broadband Leasing Conduit Space for Fiber, Rise Broadband Adding New Equipment on Grindstone, and Skyfiber Locating to Grindstone

No new updates.

Contract Renewals for the Following: Coach USA, Elko Broadcasting Company, Nevada Department of Information Technology, Nevada Department of Transportation, and Premier Wireless Services

No new updates.

Updates and Possible Action Regarding Verizon Wireless Modifications on Lamoille and Grindstone and All Matters Related Thereto and Updates and Possible Action Regarding AT&T Installing a Generator at Grindstone Site and All Matters Related Thereto

Verizon and AT&T ask on a weekly basis about Grindstone. AT&T still hasn't sent revised drawings or contract.

Discussion and Possible Approval and Updates on Inspections, Repairs or Issues on TV District Sites and Towers as Follows, But Not Limited To:

Updates on Grindstone Tower Retrofitting

Cenni said the bolts have been installed on the tower.

Updates on Grindstone Foundation Analysis

Cenni stated that there is not enough weight on the bottom of the foundation. The foundation doesn't go underground at all. There were only four rock anchors three feet down. The suggestion was to spread out the footprint. With the excavation of the new tower, they threw some of that rock on the foundation to help spread the footprint. If we spread the footprint out more, you won't be able to get a truck around it. Steve stated that the TV District can't afford to update the foundation right now. Cenni did let the board know that if they wait the bid will go up as concrete prices continue to rise.

Creating a Power Policy

Paden will be installing the equipment soon.

Updates on Grindstone Grounding Issues

Since there was an additional week of excavation, nothing was done for grounding. Most likely they won't be able to do anything for grounding until next spring because it's snowing up there already.

Annual Inspections of All Sites

Nothing was found that needs major repairs.

Partnering with Elko County Soil Conservation Districts to Assist in Noxious Weed Management

Tabled until next meeting.

Discussion and Possible Approval of EIP Making a One Time Payment for the Full Amount of the Remainder of the Lease and Discussion, Updates and Possible Action Regarding EIP Performing Grounding Inspections and Maintenance on Grindstone

Paden stated that EIP wants to pay \$200,000 to buy out their lease. Paden advised the board to deny it on the grounds of them trying to get around some of the terms of the lease. Paden does not trust what they are doing, especially since they have not provided any information on updating their grounding on Grindstone. Cenni just got a notification today that EIP was showing up. Steve asked Cenni to go up to Grindstone tomorrow morning and if need be, Kent will go up with Cenni. He will check to see if they will be outside of their leased area, and if so Cenni will put a stop to everything. Cenni thinks the board should get Nancy Porter involved in this, Steve gave the okay. Paden reiterated that EIP wants full access and easement for \$200,000. Steve said no way.

Discussion, Updates and Possible Action Regarding Building a Site on Top of Elko Snowbowl and All Matters Related Thereto

Cenni has seen the preliminary NV Energy design. He has talked with Cathy, and they know all about it. The city agrees with leasing the land for the same amount as the City of Elko Fire lease. Cenni just needs to show the final power plan to get it on the city agenda. The power will be all overhead. They will also have to create a new easement on the Mountain City Highway side as well as two privately owned properties.

Updates and Possible Action Regarding Changing the Frequency for Channel 20 on Peavey, Including Re-Coordination of Licenses and All Matters Related Thereto

Paden has filed the displacement with the FCC and it was granted. Channel 10 filed to take channel 20. They are going from VHF to UHF. So, Paden had to move channel 20 to channel 18. All contact information is correct with the FCC.

Discussion and Possible Approval of Current and Future Capital Projects as Follows but Not Limited To:

Updates on New Peavey Generator

Cenni was up there today and will be there all next week. They got the generator last week.

Updates on Replacing Fence at Peavey

Cenni asked if the board wants the radio in or out of the footprint. Regardless, they still need to stagger the fence and push it to the north just a smidge to get access. The project is currently on hold.

Updates on Purchasing a Sitemaster

Paden has a quote request out to his dealer and will get some numbers next week.

Link from Lamoille to Peavey for TV Channel or Security Use and Updates on IP Stream Device to Connect to Fiber

Tabled until next meeting.

Discussion, Updates and Possible Action on Preparation Work for Building a New Tower on Grindstone and All Matters Related Thereto

Tabled until next meeting.

Repair Service Report and Site Updates

Paden stated that Peavey is rocky. NV DOT hasn't had any issues so far. The upgrades went great. They have 9 ground rods installed. They did hit one XIT rod, but got it replaced.

An IP device will be deployed by the end of the month. On one of the main outages, White Cloud said it was Lumen in Salt Lake that had scheduled a power outage and didn't realize they didn't have enough generators to run the A/C, so they had to shut it down.

Paden is going to install the IP Streaming device next Thursday. The reliability is very good. Paden went to Lamoille to work on one of the transmitters. One of the doors at Grindstone was soldered on the battery pack and broke. He resoldered it and now it's working.

New Business: None

Old Business: None

Public Comment: None

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held on November 9th, 2023.